

**Vernon Parish Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes
March 5, 2007**

Advisory Committee Members

**Andy Addison
Charnel Bailey
Robyn Briscoe
Michelle Mitchell
Katie Thomas
Bill Anderson
Jack Bass
Carol Coriel
Leslie Ortiz
Linda Thomas
Ruth Bailey
Brenda Bealer
Georgia Jeane
Wayne Tanner**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. A brief history of the Vernon Parish extension programs and the summary of agriculture in Vernon Parish were presented.

The group was asked to discuss the extension programs and give suggestions as to what new programs or changes in existing programs needed to be made.

Agriculture:

- *Programs on calving difficulties**
- *Programs on the effect of ethanol and corn prices on the price of cattle**
- *Program on the effect that the big timber companies selling out is going to effect the price of private timber**
- *Program on the possibility of using clover as a source of nitrogen due to the increasing prices of commercial fertilizer**

FCS:

- *The need for an FCS agent in Vernon Parish**

4-H:

- *New 4-H agent Chad Hagan was introduced to the group**

- *The dress code at 4-H activities was discussed and it was agreed upon that all the 4-H program could do was abide by Vernon Parish School Board dress codes**
- *Programs need to be developed to make the livestock projects more appealing to club members**
- *The fact that Vernon Parish is participating in a pilot program at 4-H Camp (environmental camp) was discussed**
- *The 4-H program seems to be doing well, so little changes were recommended.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

**Cleve Weisgerber
Parish Chair
Vernon Parish**